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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : James McCROSSIN et al.
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FOR : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING LOCAL
INFORMATION OVER A NETWORK
GROUP ART UNIT : 2164
EXAMINER : J. BERGIN

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**RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the communication dated October 23, 2001,
requiring restriction of the invention to one of the following: Species 1, Species 2, Species 3,
Species 4, Species 5 and Species 6.

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the
office action dated October 23, 2001, for which a one-month response period expiring on
November 23, 2001, was set. The extended period expires on January 23, 2002.

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With respect to the Examiner's position that claim 16 is generic to the method claims 1 through 16, Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1 is generic to claims 1 through 16. Claim 16 includes all of the limitations of claim 1, but includes an additional element (i.e., "accessing said user web site by a second user"). Accordingly, Applicants request that claim 1 be considered as generic to claims 1 through 16.

In view of this characterization, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Species 1 (claims 10, 14, 15, 19, 23 and 24). Any necessary extension fees may be charged to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this request is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted

Dated: January 7, 2002

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